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Churchill Challenge On Steel

London, Jan. 25. Mr Winston Churchill, back from his holiday in North Africa, raised the political temperature in the House of Commons today by threatening the Government with a vote of censure over steel nationalisation.

The industry is due to be taken over by the State on February 15.

Mr Churchill said he thought the nationalisation of steel would "greatly hamper rearmament."

He pressed for a debate. But Mr Herbert Morrison, the Government leader in the House of Commons, who arranges Parliamentary business would not commit himself.

He said he wondered if the Opposition realised that finally had been reached on the steel nationalisation issue.

Mr Churchill then asked if there was any precedent for a Government, "however desirous of clinging to office," refusing a formal motion amounting to a censure from a responsible Opposition.

Mr Morrison retorted that he had not refused yet. He preferred to see the terms of the motion. There the matter was left for the present.—*Reuter.*

British Defence Statement

London, Jan. 25. The British Government is to make a statement on defence on Monday, it was announced in the House of Commons today.

Mr Winston Churchill, the Opposition leader, said he presumed the statement would say something about rearmament, trained reserves and so on.—*Reuter.*

British Opposition To Sanctions Against Peking Regime

Lake Success, Jan. 25. Sir Gladwyn Jebb (Britain) told the Political Committee today that no penal measures should be taken against China whose intentions should be further probed.

New Zealand announced in the same Committee that it would support the branding of Communist China as an aggressor in Korea.

Earlier, India had urged a round-table conference with Communist China to bring peace in Korea.

Sir Gladwyn informed the Committee that his delegation was broadly in agreement with the first five paragraphs of an American resolution now before the General Assembly of the United Nations.

One of these paragraphs asks the Assembly to find that the Chinese People's Republic, by aiding the North Koreans in fighting the United Nations forces, "has itself engaged in aggression in Korea."

Sir Gladwyn thought that the wording of these paragraphs might require further consideration, but when it came to the next part of the resolution his delegation had doubts about its wisdom.

He said, "When it comes to considering further measures, I would be less than frank. I did not express the gravest doubt regarding the wisdom of any such action before the intentions of the Peking Government were further explored."

Sir Gladwyn asked whether all delegations could say that they were satisfied that the United Nations had completely exhausted all possibilities of exploration.

He thought that they had not and asked the United Nations to continue a study of the ambiguities in the Peking replies.

FACTS NOT WORDS

For this reason Britain would support any proposal to set up machinery seeking further clarification.

"We are dealing with facts, not words," Sir Gladwyn declared.

Sir Gladwyn said that there could be no doubt that the Peking Government had taken an active part in the aggression against the Korean Republic.

"From a moral point of view their action has been just as reprehensible as if it were they who first set loose the war," he added.

"Let there be no mistake about this," he continued.

"In nothing that I am saying and in nothing that I have said in the past is there the slightest attempt to condone the attitude of the People's Government."

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He said that this delegation had been accused of callousness in asking for postponements while men were being killed in Korea. This thought had "haunted" the Indian delegation throughout.

But one thought which had sustained his delegation was based on letters and telegrams from scores of Americans encouraging the Indian delegation to continue with its efforts, Sir Benegal said.

"Our efforts are aimed at achieving a peaceful solution of Far East problems. Any extension of the conflict would only result in further bloodshed," he added.

Sir Benegal advised the United Nations to take advantage of the present lull in the Korean fighting to begin talks with the Chinese Communists.

"This lull may not be without significance," he said.

The Indian delegate said that it might be asked how it was possible to hold consultations with an aggressor government. But what had the United Nations been doing all this time? he asked.

The three-man cease-fire group, set up by the General Assembly had, in fact, negotiated with the Chinese People's Republic at long range. The Arab-Asian resolution merely aimed at capturing this process across a table to save time.—*Reuter.*

KEY ISSUE
Sir Gladwyn Jebb devoted considerable time to the key issue of China's United Nations membership. He said the question was misinterpreted in the United States. He said it was not a question of admitting the Chinese Communists to the United Nations but, with China already a member, admitting the fact that the Communists, not the Nationalists on Formosa, represent China.

Sir Gladwyn pointed to several concessions Peking had made in the past. He said it was "reasonably clear" that the offer to "advise" the withdrawal of volunteers meant that this would be co-ordinated with the United Nations' withdrawal, adding that Mao Tse-tung "can't swallow one gulp" of a limited period of a ceasefire only.

He said the issue would depend on how long a period was contemplated.

As if to smooth troubled waters, between London and Washington, where President Truman urged the United Nations to call Peking an aggressor and discuss with other nations "what can and should be done about aggression in Korea," Sir Gladwyn added, "We are not going to be foolish enough to let this question develop into any serious rift with our friends."

ROMULO CRITICAL
Sir Gladwyn was followed by Mr Carlos Romulo of the Philippines, who saw the Arab-Asian resolution as "dangerous secrecy." Mr Romulo said his views on the Asian resolution were given frankly and plainly because "no useful purpose can be served at this time by vague or evasive generalisations."

He said that it should be no surprise that Peking is willing to accept the Asian proposals because they are "cut exactly to the pattern of the 12-nation resolution sought to meet the Chinese viewpoint that negotiations come before a ceasefire in Korea."

"Thus instead of maintaining as we should the just principle of a ceasefire before negotiations, we are being led by an ingenious formula of words to reverse ourselves and capitulate to Peking's demand of negotiations before a ceasefire."

The idea of a ceasefire has vanished altogether and all that is left is elucidation, amplification and negotiation at the pleasure of Peking and on its terms."

Mr Romulo said the resolution's one undoubted merit was that it had been drafted with "extraordinary skill."

He added: "On the excuse of seeking further elucidation and amplification of Peking's intentions, we are being induced to abandon our basic principles of ceasefire before negotiations and we are supposed to like it and not to notice the difference."

"A DECEPTION"
"Any move to propose negotiations before a ceasefire must be rejected as a deception. I am confident that the majority of the Committee will resist the dangerous sycophancy of such proposals. The Philippine delegation cannot consent to a proposal which would place the United Nations in the subject position of begging for one kind word or gesture of explanation from Peking."

Mr Romulo said the only proposal that could be accepted by the Committee was the American one.

Mr Scinyon Tsarapkin of Soviet Russia indicated approval of the Arab-Asian resolution. He told the Committee that the Russian delegation would "not

Mr Bevin Making Progress

London, Jan. 25. The Foreign Secretary, Mr Ernest Bevin, who is ill with pneumonia, was "somewhat improved," Mr Herbert Morrison, the Government leader in the House of Commons, told Parliament today.

His wife, recovering from a question by the Opposition leader, Mr Winston Churchill, who asked for information about the health of the Foreign Secretary, "for whose recovery we are all very much concerned."

The Foreign Office announced tonight that Mr Bevin was maintaining the progress which he made earlier today.—*Reuter.*

'White Death' Menace In Alps Fading

London, Jan. 25. The people of the Alps, mourning about 250 dead and missing in Europe's devastating days of avalanches, today hoped that the "white death" had spent its force as colder weather spread over the mountains and valleys.

Austrians, Italians and Swiss counted their dead and missing and tried to estimate the damage wrought by the "false spring" which had brought thousands of tons of snow thundering down upon sleeping Alpine villages.

Austria reported 142 dead and missing; Italy 34 dead; Switzerland 75 dead; all three countries listed many hurt and costly damage.

Reuter correspondents in the Alpine countries filed in the details.

Vienna: Temperatures in the worst-hit Austrian Alpine villages are now below freezing and, unless a thaw sets in, the present plans to evacuate homes will be abandoned.

French Chasseurs, Alpine troops, are helping 150 Austrian railway workers to dig out a locomotive buried on the Soledad-Linsbruck line and open the line to traffic.

Water pipes supplying the city of Innsbruck, threatened by the snow, have been repaired sufficiently to get through a reduced supply.

Thousands of animals in Austrian valleys cut off from grazing are dying from starvation.

WORKERS ESCAPE
Ninety three workers escaped today, reports said, from the camp in the Gross Glockner mountain in the Austrian Alps, where snow has held them prisoner for six days. The sick and injured were taken to hospital.

Genova: There have been no new avalanches in Switzerland in the past 36 hours.

Switzerland called up 800 reservists today to help rescue communications and dig out villages in the worst-hit canton of Grisons.

The national avalanche fund, has reached a million francs. One of the St. Bernard monks said over the telephone today that the monastery had not been touched by avalanches and that a horse sleigh had arrived with food and mail from the Italian side of the frontier.—*Reuter.*

Strongest Force In Asia

Cambridge, Jan. 25. Dr Rajeshwar Dayal, Indian delegate to the United Nations, said today that the strongest force in Asia today is nationalism. He told the 20th School of International Relations conducted by the League of Women Voters of Massachusetts and Radcliffe College that Asia is in a state of ferment caused by changing habits, thoughts and political ideas.

The fight, now was to attain democracy and freedom. Asia had too long been a playground of the Western powers vying for its raw materials.—*United Press.*

over the speed and scope of Dutch rearmament. Two high officials already have resigned in protest and there were reports that 15 others were seriously considering quitting.—*United Press.*

Political Crisis In Netherlands
The Hague, Jan. 25. Queen Juliana conferred throughout the day with leaders of Holland's political parties in an attempt to provide the country with a new government following the unexpected resignation yesterday of the coalition government headed by Premier Willem Drees.

The Queen conferred separately with the Vice-President of the State Council, the Senate President and leaders of six political parties. The Queen was reported to have narrowed the list down to three possibilities and was expected to name a premier-designate who will attempt to form a new Cabinet.

The first choice is believed to be the liberal leader, Mr Oud. The outgoing premier may be asked to try again if Mr Oud is unsuccessful. Political leaders believe Mr Oud was not likely to succeed because the total strength of the parties backing him was only 27 of 100 votes.

Simultaneously, dissension was reported among high military officers because the government disagreed with the Chief of Staff, General Hendrik Kruls.

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DRASTIC ACTION BY PERON

Buenos Aires, Jan. 25. The President of Argentina, General Juan Peron, today imposed military rule on all railway employees in the Buenos Aires area, including several hundred Britons and other foreigners.

He took this step to try to break the three-day old railway strike, which is causing growing transport chaos.

The railways have been owned by the State since they were bought from their former British owner four years ago. General Peron, in serious conflict for the first time with labour, from which he draws his greatest support, "mobilised" the railwaymen—striking for higher wages—under the National defence laws.

High officials of the Ministry of Transport, including managers of the various railways, received appointments as Army officers "for the duration." They will enforce military law over all men called up.

The President ordered police to round up strikers who defied the mobilisation order. They will be handed over to the military for trial and punishment.

President Peron declared last night that if the working classes did not like his method "I will give up my job and go home."

President Peron's announcement last night that he would break the railway stoppage by mobilising the strikers and placing them under military rule has so far produced no improvement in the situation.

Skeleton services on some of the five main lines serving Buenos Aires were slightly increased but few men returned.

President Peron, who had declared that the strike was a "conspiracy" against his Government, named the named the opposition forces starting with the Communists—said that if the workers did not approve of his methods he would quit. The men, who are striking for the third time in recent months, say they will stay out until their wage demands are met.—Reuter.

Condemnation Of Red China Probable

Lake Success, Jan. 25.

Most of the eight Western European countries here are expected to support a United Nations condemnation of Communist China as an aggressor in Korea, though Britain's position up to a late hour today remained partly in doubt.

Sweden is regarded as certain to abstain on the American resolution condemning Communist China as an aggressor. Denmark and Norway will most likely support the resolution, though both these countries are said to be interested to see what Britain will do.

Belgium and Luxembourg are authoritatively said to be prepared to follow the lead of France, whose Government has said that it would support the motion.

The British final position was still in doubt, according to spokesmen here. The feeling in British circles was that the British Government would most likely support a straightforward condemnation of Communist China as an aggressor, but would not back any move which would set into motion the application of sanctions.

On the basis of this survey it would appear that the American resolution could count on the certain support of five of eight Western European countries. Dutch and British support were regarded by experienced diplomatic observers as probable.

Final voting on the resolution is not expected before Saturday. The Arab-Asian proposal for a seven-power conference on Far East problems, reported to have been approved by the Chinese Communist Government, had today gained little substantial support among delegations here.

The proposal was to hold an exploratory conference of Russia, Britain, France, the United States, Egypt, India, the Chinese People's Republic.

A United States spokesman said that his country would oppose this proposal with the greatest vigour, largely on the grounds that it ignores entirely the question of a preliminary cease-fire.

No American representative, the spokesman declared, would be prepared to sit down at any conference table with a Chinese Communist representative while blood was still being shed in Korea.

The British delegation was also reliably reported to be opposed to the Arab-Asian proposal on similar grounds. "The Chinese Communist Government had already told Sir Benegal Narain Rau, through New Delhi, that it was prepared to take part in the proposed seven-power conference."

This acceptance, though viewed as important by certain Arab and Asian delegations, was discounted rather heavily in other United Nations circles. These circles pointed out that such a seven-power conference, with exactly the same membership, was proposed by the Chinese Communists themselves on January 17.

Diplomatic circles also drew attention to the fact that the suggested conference, although said to be "exploratory" would be hardly different from a full-scale Far Eastern conference.

The feeling was growing in United Nations circles that there need not be any contradiction between the American desire for a condemnation of Chinese aggression and the Arab-Asian insistence on a Far East conference.

United States spokesmen have said that if Communist China were branded an aggressor, it would be in support of a moral principle and would not preclude later negotiations on Korean and Far Eastern problems.—Reuter.

Dr. Edith At Pyramids



Dr. Edith Summerskill, British Minister of National Insurance, last week visited Egypt for a social study tour of that country. Here she is seen during a visit to the Pyramids. At right is Dr. Ahmed Hussein, Egyptian Minister of Social Affairs.—AP Picture.

American Protest To France Over Sales Of Gold

Washington, Jan. 25.

An International Monetary Fund official said today that the United States Treasury has communicated an informal protest to the French government regarding the reported sales by the Bank of France of gold at premium prices.

The Treasury would not comment on the reported French gold sales or on what action it has taken or will take. However, it was understood that the Treasury on Wednesday communicated by cable with officials in France.

According to preliminary information received by the Fund, the official said, the Bank of France has been selling on the free market in France gold from its reserve at premium prices in dollars up to \$42, an ounce, gaining profits over the internationally-agreed United States Treasury rate of \$35 an ounce. It was said that such sales are undermining the value of the American dollar.

The Fund has not yet received any request for action on the situation by any member governments and the question has not yet come before the Fund's Board. However, it has attracted the attention of staff experts who are looking into French transactions.

Still too early to say what the Fund Board will do, the official said the Fund does not know the scope of the transactions and whether the French intend to continue them.

TREASURY MUM
Answers to these questions were presumably obtained by the Treasury on Wednesday, but Treasury officials would not comment and the Fund officials said the Treasury has

Ruhr Strike Called Off

Bonn, Jan. 25.

A threatened strike of 800,000 West German steel workers and coal miners, which had been fixed for Feb. 1, is definitely off, it was announced here tonight.

The steel and coal workers, backed by other industrial unions, had announced their intention to strike unless definite steps were taken to satisfy their demands for "co-determination"—workers' representation on industrial management boards.

At a lengthy meeting today it was agreed that half of the members of the boards of directors in the coal-mining and iron and steel industries should be workers' representatives, who may be nominated by the trade unions.—Reuter.

gaining is the new State of Israel, which the Moslem Middle East districts.—Reuter.

Big Liverpool Blaze

Birkenhead, Jan. 25. Fifty firemen fought a dockside blaze here today and saved Britain's biggest industrial gross plant. The blaze began in the gross storage department of the Vacuum Oil Company's work.

Flames shot 1,000 feet into the air and a thick pall of smoke covered the adjacent docks. Firemen had a narrow escape when a cable wall collapsed, blocking some railway lines.

The cause of the fire was not immediately determined but sabotage was ruled out.—Reuter.

BRITAIN MAY HELP INDO-CHINA

London, Jan. 25.

The possibility of British aid to help French forces battle the Vietnamese rebels in Indo-China is under study here, informed sources said today.

The sources said there was no question of supplying troops but it was believed that certain equipment, especially aircraft, might be offered to the French. It was understood that whatever assistance might be suggested it would likely be drawn from Malaya, where the British forces are also battling rebels.

British official circles were described as believing that as long as Communist China does not intervene, the French position can be maintained in Indo-China.—United Press.

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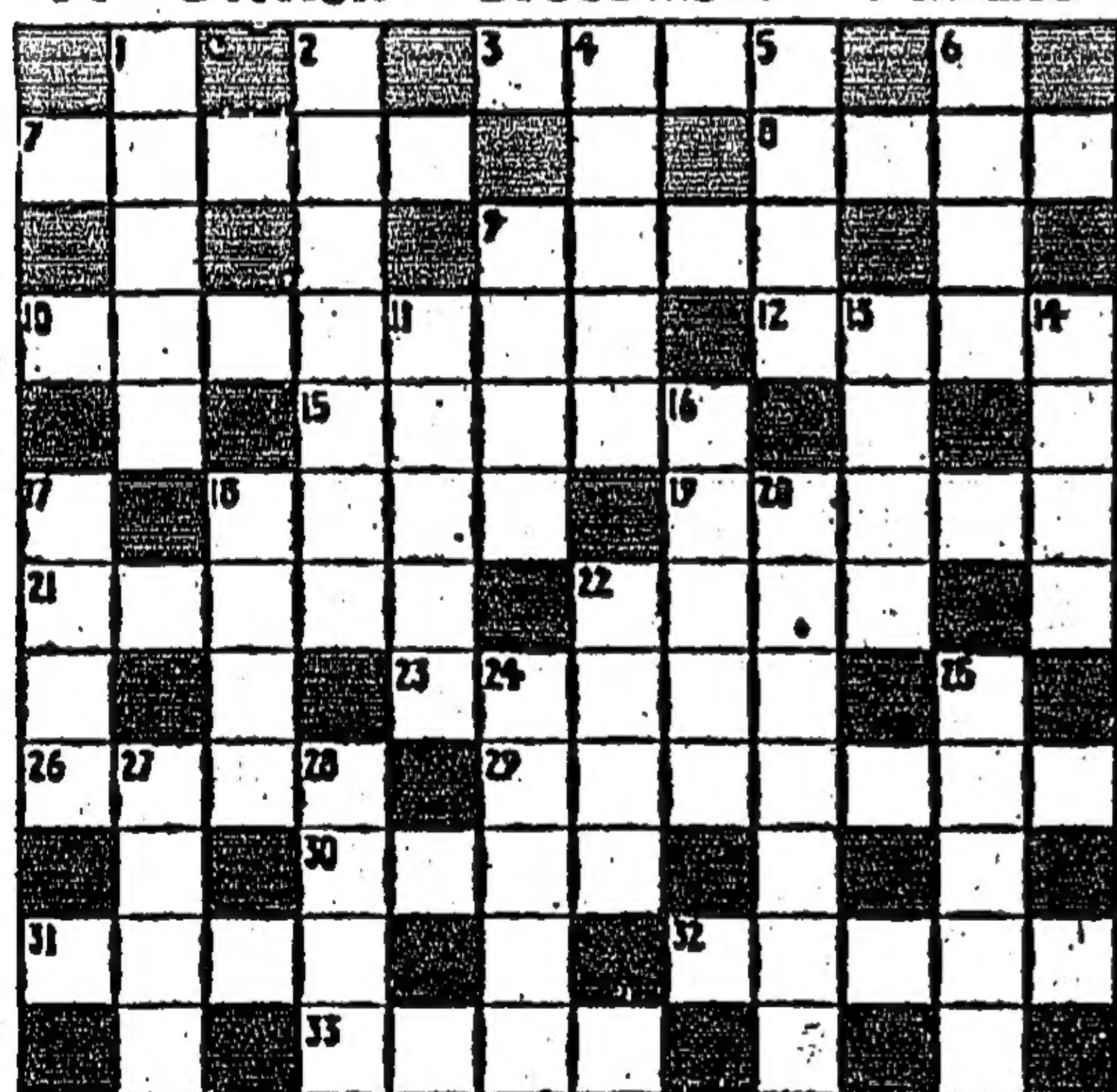
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THE STORY SO FAR

Teddy (Theodora) Raynor and her boy friend, Hugo Albright, go on a cruise in the luxury yacht, Golden Gull. Teddy's Aunt Elsie also goes along. The cruise has been arranged through Dr Smitting's travel agency, but the sponsor keeps mysteriously in the dark. Denis Graham, also a passenger, reveals to Teddy and Hugo that the Golden Gull was the name of a charitable secret society founded by her late father, and he suspects the cruise has something to do with it. Another passenger, Roy Parrin, an ex-acrobat, tells his wife Grace to get chummy with Teddy, who wonders why. Meanwhile, the stewardess, Marie Galgan, tries to tell what she calls important information to Teddy. She fails however to turn up at a secret rendezvous with Teddy, and next morning is found murdered in her cabin.

NOW READ ON

TEDDY was too shocked to speak. She simply stared at Hugo. As for Cecil, he was looking as though he couldn't credit his ears.

"Did—did you say one had been murdered?" he stammered.

"Yes—the stewardess." "The stewardess! Now why should anyone want to murder a stewardess?" Cecil remarked inanely.

"I'm sure I don't know," said Hugo, with a tinge of sarcasm. "But the passengers are being rounded up for a meeting in the lounge in a few minutes. You'd better go along to it."

"I say! I shall! This is rather exciting...." Cecil, sticking his monocle in his eye, hurried away. "Hugo...." Teddy had finally found her voice. "Tell me about it...."

"She was found in her room by George Todd, the steward, an hour or so ago. He had gone to look for her when she didn't show up for work."

"How—how was she killed?" "Kitchen knife in the heart," Teddy shuddered. "When?"

"Early last evening. Dr Smitting places the time of death between eight and ten o'clock."

Teddy felt suddenly weak. So that was why Marie Galgan had not kept their rendezvous. She had been dead!

"It's—it's awful!" Teddy whispered. Then, she saw that Hugo was looking at her strangely. "Hugo.... why are you looking at me like that?" Gently he laid a hand on her arm. "Teddy, a note was found beside the body...." He hesitated.

"Well?" "It said, 'Ask Miss Theodora Raynor.'"

Teddy's eyes widened. "Ask me? Why ask me?" Then, the expression on Hugo's face alarmed her. "Hugo! Surely you don't think I did it!"

"Good heavens, no!" He put his arms around her. "But darling, don't you understand that I'm frightened to death for you—having your name brought into it like that? His voice shook a little."

"But what does it mean?" "I think it means that Marie Galgan was killed because she was trying to sell information to you."

"But why should the murderer leave a note giving a clue to the motive?" "Perhaps some one else left it there. Perhaps some one else who knew that the stewardess had approached you found the body before Todd did, was afraid to report it, but left that note."

"It seems to me the logical persons to question are—the unfortunate victim's associates below decks!"

"The entire crew has already been questioned," said Smitting. "And they have all established alibis."

"Are you implying," Carper asked belligerently, "that the murderer is some one in this room?"

"That would seem to be the logical conclusion." At that Mrs Marvis leapt up and pointed dramatically at Teddy.

"Then it must be that girl!" she said shrilly. "That note beside the body! What did it mean? It must mean that she did it!"

Teddy had gone white at Mrs Marvis' outburst. It was Denis Graham who hushed the woman and made her sit down.

"Let's not make wild accusations," he said mildly. "However, since Miss Raynor's name has unfortunately been brought into this, I suggest that she tell us anything she may know that might be helpful."

Teddy, trembling, rose and spoke in as firm a voice as she could muster.

"I'm glad to tell all I know—though it isn't much." Then, as a tense silence enveloped the room, she told of her two encounters with the stewardess. When she had finished, there was a chatter of excitement, which was interrupted by John Carper.

"This is all very interesting," he said, "but it is getting us nowhere. There is no one here with the authority to take any official action. The captain should radio the police and turn back to New York."

"I believe he has already sent a radiogram," said Dr Smitting. "He has already—"

"No!" a deep voice boomed from the doorway. "No, I haven't! Jorkes, a heavy-set man with grizzled hair, came lumbering into the room."

"I haven't radioed," he announced grimly, "because the radio doesn't work! In fact, the apparatus has been hopelessly wrecked!"

"Wrecked!" exclaimed Graham. "Let's put an end to this futile discussion! As I said in the first place, it is getting us nowhere. Besides, Mr. Graham," he added, "I personally think that any further investigation should be conducted by someone with a good alibi!"

With that, he stalked out. A moment later, the luncheon gong rang, breaking up the meeting.

As Teddy and Hugo were leaving the room, Graham overtook them.

"Come to my cabin after lunch," he said in a low voice. "I have a hunch about that note!"

Graham, refusing to amplify his remark about the note, separated from Teddy and Hugo at the door of the dining saloon. They were left to wonder, through lunch, what he had discovered—if anything.

The atmosphere at table was very strained. No one had any appetite, and the conversation was stilted and forced. Aunt Elsie and Professor Turner made a feeble attempt to discuss casual matters, but soon gave it up. There was only one subject in everyone's mind and they all seemed to want to avoid that.

Finally however, Mrs Marvis ventured to approach it indirectly. She looked round the table and spoke in a low voice.

"I'd like to know," she said, "just who this Mr. Graham is—and just why he should have taken it upon himself to conduct that meeting after Dr Smitting left."

Teddy stared at her. "But it was you who wanted someone to go on with the investigation. He merely backed you up."

"That doesn't keep me from being curious about him. Who is he? Where does he come from? What does he do for a living?" Mrs Marvis fixed her gaze on Teddy and Hugo. "You two seem to be very friendly with him. Perhaps you can tell us something about him."

"It seems to me," Hugo answered, "that your questions can best be answered by Mr. Graham himself."

"Don't be evasive—you know perfectly well what I mean!" Mrs Marvis snapped. "Though you and Miss Raynor are so chummy with him, the rest of us find him and his—er—friend, Miss Winslowe, very mysterious!"

"I think that Miss Winslowe had best be left out of this discussion," John Carper put in coldly. "And why?" Mrs Marvis asked sharply. "She and Graham are inseparable, and you yourself said that Graham—"

"His is a questionable reputation," Carper finished for her.

MILDRED SNOW GLEASON

"Apparently Miss Winslowe has fallen under his spell—it is not unusual for a young woman to be hoodwinked by the suave charm of such a man—but that does not put her in his class. I personally can vouch for Miss Winslowe."

"Well, who is she, then—if you know so much?" Mrs Marvis demanded.

"I said I could vouch for her—that is enough," Carper replied jellily.

Teddy was surprised. So John Carper knew the mysterious Charis Winslowe! She exchanged a quick glance with Hugo.

"Humph!" Mrs Marvis snorted. "Well, in any case, Miss Winslowe is not the only young woman who seems to have fallen under Mr. Graham's spell." She gave Teddy a sharp look. "Miss Raynor is so quick to defend him that she, too, has apparently—"

"Miss Raynor can be left out of this too!" Hugo cut in sharply. "She happens to be my fiancée!"

"What?" gasped Aunt Elsie. "Why Theodore, you've said nothing—"

"I was going to tell you, Auntie," Teddy said quickly, blushing. "But—but let's not talk about it just now."

"Let's do talk about it," said Professor Turner, beaming. "It's a much pleasanter topic than—the one we have been discussing." He raised his wine-glass. "I propose a toast to the engaged couple!"

The toast was drunk, congratulations were offered, and the subject Mrs Marvis had tactlessly introduced was quietly dropped.

Teddy and Hugo were relieved when the meal was over. Quickly escaping from the dining saloon, they started down to Graham's cabin.

"Forgive me, darling," said Hugo, "for blurring out the news like that, but I had to hush up that Marvis woman. I couldn't stand her picking on you—particularly after her outrageous accusation at the meeting this morning."

Teddy made a wry face. "Mrs Marvis was a bit disagreeable. People are always ready to believe the worst. They could easily persuade themselves that I—I might have murdered the poor woman because she was trying to blackmail me or something."

"Stop talking nonsense!" Hugo said roughly. "It isn't entirely nonsense, sweetheart, but...." Teddy shrugged. "Never mind—I suppose every one of us will be under suspicion until the crime is solved!"

They reached Graham's cabin just then, and when they knocked were immediately admitted.

"Come in—sit down," Graham closed the door after them. "Charis Winslowe will be here presently. While we're waiting for her, I'll explain the hunch I have about that note."

(MORE TOMORROW)

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"It happens every time he runs out without his rubber— he still thinks he's a cave man!"

The Captain looked uncomfortable. "I asked Dr Smitting—uh—to call this meeting to see what could be ascertained—uh—officially. But I must interrupt it now. The radio operator has been injured and needs the doctor's attention." He turned to Smitting. "Will you come with me, Doctor?"

As the two men left the gathering Mrs Marvis snorted. "Well! It looks as though, with everything else we have a fool for a captain! I think something should be done while the trail is still hot!"

"And just what would you do?" Carper asked caustically. "Have some sort of investigation—check up on where everyone was at the time of the murder?"

Denis Graham again spoke up. "I agree, I suggest, that we continue this meeting and establish where each of us was between the hours of eight and ten last night—when, according to Dr Smitting, the crime was committed."

"And who are you to take the responsibility on your shoulders?" Carper asked coldly. "Only another passenger like yourself," Graham answered calmly. "But an interested passenger! Suppose I start by establishing my own whereabouts. Until about eight-thirty, I was dining. Afterwards, Miss Winslowe and I took a stroll during part of which Miss Raynor and Mr. Albright were with us. About nine-thirty, I went to my cabin, then came

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Ordinary Yearly General Meeting of the Shareholders of the Corporation will be held at the Head Office of the Corporation, 1 Queen's Road Central, Hong Kong, on Saturday the 10th day of March, 1951, at 11.30 a.m. for the purpose of receiving and considering the reports of the Directors and of the Auditors and the Profit and Loss Account and Balance Sheet for the year ended 31st December, 1950, and for the election of Directors and the appointment of Auditors.

The Register of Shares of the Corporation will be closed from Friday, the 23rd of February, to Saturday, the 10th of March, 1951, (both days inclusive) during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board.

A. MORSE, Chief Manager.

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Freddie Brown (left) of England and Lindsay Hassett of Australia admire the trophy presented to Hassett on behalf of the Jubilee Sports Committee. Hassett received the trophy on behalf of the Australian Test team who won the Jubilee (third) Test Match at Sydney. Miniatures of the Trophy were also presented to all members of both teams, the managers, scorers and umpires.—Express.

"Rapier" Surveys Tomorrow's Chances At The Valley

For the Third Race Meeting, to be held tomorrow, the Hongkong Jockey Club have arranged a varied programme of nine events and given fine weather, there is every reason to expect that keen competition will prevail. The First Saddling bell will be rung at 1.30 p.m. with the first race starting at 2 p.m. sharp.

Here are my estimates of the chances:

FIRST RACE
Windy Gap Handicap (First Section): From Near The Two Mile Post.
The curtain rises on this event for Australian Ponies Class 8, with novice jockeys as pilots. Forever Spring, Priority and Some Fun are called on to carry the maximum load of 155 lbs. followed by Flight and Gladiolus with 155 lbs. each.
In order to win, they will have to show outstanding form, which I don't think we need expect, so they can be left out of consideration.
It seems to me that Strathnamara, with Mr Auchincloss on top, should have a good chance of scoring a win here, but there are Speed Wheel (Mr Mok) and Airfield (Mr Tseng) to be watched.
Flag Day will be ridden by Mr H. H. Chan. Although this pony is at the moment in fine condition, I doubt if it can do better than place. On account of the low weight which it will carry, Busy Bee (Mr C. A. Lee), 135 lbs., is a decided menace.

SECOND RACE
Pottinger Gap Handicap (First Section): Six Furlongs.
This sprint race for Australian Ponies Class 4 has attracted 14 entries and, in view of the short distance, an upset is probable.
From the entries the following should be worth watching: Desire (Mr Kwok), Minx (Mr Ostroff), Shun Lee (Mr Renfrew) and Anna (Mr Holgate).
I strongly fancy Desire as the distance is well suited for this pony although it ran unplaced at the last meeting over the mile.
Main challenge should come from Minx, which is quite at home over this distance.
Then there is Shun Lee to be considered as it is fast over this distance and, given a good start, might cause an upset, while Anna should also be kept in mind as it is quite capable of extending the above named ponies.

THIRD RACE
Magazine Gap Handicap (First Section): 1 1/4 Miles.
The first lot of Australian Ponies Class 3 will try conclusions here. Sharron (Mr Ostroff) is carrying 140 lbs., which may not be too much of a handicap in view of its third placing in the Mrs Bay Handicap (Second Section) at the First Race Meeting, from Near The Two Mile Post once round and in, it certainly stands a good chance of winning.
Probability, with Mr K. F. Chiu on top, is good over this distance and should have a say here.
Belle Fontaine (Mr Renfrew) is also dangerous, but for those who are looking for an outsider I would recommend bearing Ninety Nine (Mr Boycott) in mind.

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FOURTH RACE
Smugglers Pass Handicap: One mile.
This race is confined to Australian Ponies Class 2. Duchess Delight (Mr Liu), on account of its win in the Tardy Handicap at the 13th Race Meeting over one and a quarter miles with Mr Ng up, will no doubt be in big demand.
I, however, prefer Kentucky Lady (Mr Vong), which is very fit at the moment, with Alamo (Mr Ostroff) and second and Pay Day (Mr Renfrew) third.
Ben More (Mr Black) has 144 lbs. to carry and it may be worth a place bet here. Mr Chuang will be entrusted with the task of riding Cleopatra and in view of the weight of 145 lbs. it is not to be ignored.

FIFTH RACE
Windy Gap Handicap (Second Section): From Near The Two Mile Post.
Among the entries for this race, which is confined to Australian Ponies Class 3, I like the chances of Amazing (Mr Holgate), Winged (Mr Chuang), Domino (Mr T. L. Wong) and Ride (Mr Renfrew).
Amazing won the Ripon Handicap (Third Section) over the mile at the 11th Race Meeting with Mr Boycott up, and on that performance, I think it should win.
The Winged is a much improved pony and judging from its second placing in the above race, First Section, it should have a good chance of winning.
Domino is another candidate capable of winning and should be in at the finish. Ride, although unplaced the last time out, is capable, of lasting the full distance, and with the light weight of 135 lbs to handle tomorrow, it is quite likely to cause an upset.

SIXTH RACE
Customs Pass Handicap: From Near The 1 1/2 Mile Post.
This is the main event of the day and will be contested by Australian Ponies Class 1B. Over this short distance the best thing to do is to look for sprinters. First of all we have Empress Delight to consider. It will again be taken out by Mr C. F. Ng and, remembering the way it ran and won the Clarence Handicap over Six Furlongs for Class 2 ponies at the 11th Race Meeting, many will no doubt rely on it when making their bets.
Personally, I think that Empress Delight should win, but Lucky Starter (Mr Renfrew) is not to be ignored as this pony can move well and the distance is more to its liking.
Norse Queen (Mr Noott) and Highlight (Mr Maitland) are quite fast over a short distance and will be near at the finish.

SEVENTH RACE
Magazine Gap Handicap (Second Section): 1 1/2 Miles.
This is the second section of the race for Australian Ponies Class 3. Dominion Day, with Mr Auchincloss up, came in second to Boftale in the Mrs Bay Handicap (Second Section) at the First Race Meeting, from Near The Two Mile Post once round and in, it certainly stands a good chance of winning.
Probability, with Mr K. F. Chiu on top, is good over this distance and should have a say here.
Belle Fontaine (Mr Renfrew) is also dangerous, but for those who are looking for an outsider I would recommend bearing Ninety Nine (Mr Boycott) in mind.

SPORTSMANSHIP, with Mr H. S. Chang up, is not altogether out of the running and will probably be near at the finish.

EIGHTH RACE
Pottinger Gap Handicap (Second Section): Six Furlongs.
This sprint race is confined to Australian Ponies Class 4. In the Newmarket Handicap at the last meeting The Chief, carrying 145 lbs. under Mr Maitland, won. It would therefore appear that, although given 150 lbs. The Chief has the best recommendation for another win if a good position is drawn. Hongkong Stutze (Mr Holgate) was third in the above race, First Section and should give a good account of itself over this distance if it does not actually win.
Desert Knight (Mr Williamson) is another pony to watch as it was officially fourth in the race with The Chief.
There are other ponies, however, to be reckoned with, especially Hurricane (Mr Chen Poo) and Happy Valley (Mr Liu), both of which are quite capable of causing an upset, while there is also Lam (Mr S. W. Lee) to be considered.

NINTH RACE
Windy Gap Handicap (Third Section): From Near The 2 Mile Post.
This is the last race of the day and will be contested by the third section of Australian Ponies Class 8.
Looking over the entries, it would appear that Bonnie Eyes (Mr Ostroff) is the logical choice for the first position.
Good Bay (Mr K. F. Chiu) has shown rapid improvement during morning gallops and it should be very near at the finish.
Al Fresco (Mr S. W. Lee) is coming along nicely but I cannot see it beating the above mentioned ponies and the best it can do is to take third place.
For those looking for an outsider, Wonderful Coin (Mr Peter Young) is the pony.

Hendon Football Club's Visit Here Will Be THE MOST AMBITIOUS TOUR BY AN AMATEUR CLUB SINCE BEFORE THE WAR

Says ARCHIE QUICK

Hendon Football Club is to embark on the most ambitious tour planned by an amateur soccer organisation since the war. The men will fly to the Far East when the season closes next May and will be away 18 days, playing three matches at Hongkong from May 12 to 16 and then going on to Manila in the Philippines for three more games. The £10,000 cost will be met by the Hongkong Football Association which is sponsoring the trip.

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Two Army footballers make news this week. John Christie, 21-year-old Ayr goalkeeper who is capped for Scottish Command, has been transferred to Southampton, and 20-year-old Keith Savin was called upon by Derby County to make his First Division debut against

COLONY SQUASH CHAMPIONSHIP

Paul Welch played the best match of the evening in the final section of the Second Round of the Colony Open Squash Championship last night when he beat R. Colman 9-0, 9-0, 9-4 to qualify for the quarter-finals against E. Cumine.

Last night's results:
A. J. Wheatcroft beat J. R. MacDonald 9-3, 9-4, 9-3; Paul Welch beat R. G. Colman 9-0, 9-0, 9-4; E. Cumine beat R. M. Hetherington 9-0, 9-0, 9-7.
The match between P. Crossley and M. W. G. Fawcett was postponed.

Cricket League Matches Again Tomorrow (By "Recorder")

The first matches in the second round of the Cricket League programme will be played tomorrow. The Scorpions, First Division League leaders, will be away to Craigengower at Happy Valley and, though they drew with the Valley team at Chater Road, are more than likely to come home with all four points.

Army, three points behind, meet sterner opposition in the Indian Recreation Club, to whom they are at home at Sookampoo, and are also likely to win though the first round result was also a draw.

The Optimists are at home at Chater Road to the Royal Air Force, who completed their first round fixtures with a victory against IRC and a draw against Royals and are now well up the table among the also-rans.

The Optimists' bowling may get into difficulties against a reinforced batting side and a draw or a victory for the Air Force is not unlikely in what should be high-scoring game.

KCC are at home to a Royal Naval side reinforced by Tom Grant and may have a job of it keeping all four points. The Recreation-University match has been postponed.

SECOND DIVISION

In the Second Division, Army are away to IRC and should win on reputation alone. They are now 11 points ahead of their nearest rivals, Police, who are at home to a King George V School side heartened by its victory against the Craigengower 1st XI.

Royal Navy are at home to KCC and RAF to Dockyard.

HOW THEY STAND

First Division				
Scorpions	P	W	D	L
Scorpions	9	8	2	0
Army	8	5	2	1
Optimists	8	2	2	2
RAF	4	2	3	1
Recreation	4	2	3	1
KCC	4	2	3	1
IRC	2	2	3	4
Royal Navy	2	0	7	7
CCC	1	2	6	6
University	1	2	6	6

Second Division

Army	P	W	D	L
Army	10	9	1	0
Police	10	6	2	2
Recreation	10	6	2	2
RAF	10	5	3	2
KGVs	10	5	3	2
IRC	10	4	1	5
CCC	10	3	2	5
Royal Navy	10	3	2	5
Dockyard	10	3	2	5
University	10	1	0	9

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A Trial Race Meeting of four races will be held on the above date at 3.45 p.m. (First Saddling Bell 3.15 p.m.), when the Electric Totalisator will be in operation.

There will be no cash sweeps for this meeting.

By Order, S. A. SLEAP, Secretary.

Four Changes In India Team For Fifth Test

New Delhi, Jan. 25.
India today announced sweeping changes for the fifth and last match in the unofficial Test series against the Commonwealth touring team.
With the Commonwealth one up, India must win this match to draw the series.
Five players who were in the drawn fourth Test in Madras have been dropped for the final game, which begins in Calcutta on February 6.
C. S. Nayudu, P. G. Joshi, N. Choudhury, B. C. Alva and G. Kishorendra have been replaced by H. Gaskard, Rajendra Nath, M. R. Rao, D. Gopinath and G. Ramchand.
The full team is as follows: V. M. Merchant (Captain), V. B. Hazare, S. Mushtaq Ali, V. Mankad, D. G. Phadkar, E. A. Umarfar, H. Gaskard, Rajendra Nath, M. R. Rao, C. D. Gopinath and G. Ramchand—Reuters.

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"BENORUACHAN"	do	29th Jan.
"BENINNES"	do	30th Jan.
"BENCLUCH"	do	12th Feb.
"BENVRACKIE"	do	20th Feb.
"BENVRACKIE"	do	13th Mar.
"BENVRACKIE"	do	20th Mar.
"BENVRACKIE"	do	2nd Apr.
"BENVRACKIE"	do	16th Apr.

SAILING

SHIP	TO	DUE
"BENORUACHAN"	Liverpool, Glasgow	3rd Feb.
"BENVRACKIE"	Dublin & Rotterdam	6th Apr.
"BENATOW"	London, Antwerp, Rotterdam & Hamburg	31st Jan.
"BENINNES"	Havre, London & Rotterdam	4th Feb.
"BENCLUCH"	London, Antwerp	16th Feb.
"BENVRACKIE"	Rotterdam & Hull	20th Apr.

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JOHNNY HAZARD



BY THE WAY

by Beachcomber

It is being repeated in the "hat" a girl failed to be elected "Miss Europe" because she was "too young for night-club appearances."

How wholesome our Mimsie Slopecorner seems when compared with these Continental sirens. She pleads on her dramatic way as the Hyacinth Dumbbell Queen or Miss Plastic Food, and then goes home to 88, Upper Sebastopol-villas to lead the life of an ordinary girl. No breath of scandal touches her, and if a stray Mayor kisses her in the way of municipal business, she never says, "We are just friends."

"Mimsie," said a Councillor the other day, "is as English as roast beef." "Then she must be an alien," retorted a disgruntled ironmonger.

The trombone controversy

DEAR Sir,
In answer to Councillor Farragut's reactionary outburst I can only say that a lady who blows on her tea to cool it does not need a trombone to make her conspicuous in any decent company. Further, the Council for her being unlucky in his lady-trombonist friends. Bella Straker to name but one—was pretty enough to be chosen as Miss Southland some years ago. I have a photo of her in bathing-dress, with her trombone, which she facetiously called "Toby." As to married players, if Mrs. Cuttlewell thinks they neglect their homes, she should read Mrs. Armitage's "I Was a Trombonist." Mrs. Armitage used to play her children to sleep while her husband was at his club, and she was chosen to play before the M'W's of M'Bangwa when he visited England. She began with solos at the soirees of the Kilvercot Ladies' Art Circle, and once accompanied a reading from "War

and Peace." Lady trombonists have come to stay, Patricia Humm.

Life is like that. I CAN think of nothing more than a now item I have just read. It says that a lady who wrote a song called "What a Lovely Thing You Are" has set the atomic theory to music, and that this symphony is to be played to the Ladies' Atomic Energy Club. After that, the demand of a beautiful Spanish girl to be accepted as a foolproof referee seems comparatively reasonable.

YOUR BIRTHDAY... By STELLA

FRIDAY, JANUARY 26

If you are born today, you have tremendous personal magnetism. You draw people into your circle of acquaintance seemingly without any effort. In fact, you like so many people that you may have difficulty concentrating your love and attention on any one individual. If and when you wed, select someone who understands this side of your nature or there can be much unhappiness in store.

You are exceptionally intuitive—sometimes almost to the point of being psychic. Learn to pay attention to these hunches, for if you heed their warnings you can avoid mistakes. And by accepting their suggestions, you will appear to have considerable good luck. You have very distinct likes and dislikes and know at first sight whether you are going to like a person or not.

Your ideas are usually original and inventive—sometimes far in advance of your times. Often you find considerable opposition, but you are the type who recels by gaining a more wilful determination to carry through the idea. In fact, this often becomes a stubbornness that many do not understand. But as your ideas gain popularity, you will find opposition decreases and you will come into the full power of your potential leadership.

To find what the stars have in store for tomorrow, select your birthday star and read the corresponding paragraph. Let your birthday star be your daily guide.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 27

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21-Feb. 19)—Plan a short trip for the week end carefully. You will be able to enjoy yourself.

PISCES (Feb. 20-Mar. 20)—Get important studying or research done today. Duty must come before pleasure just now.

ARIES (Mar. 21-Apr. 20)—Some new interest should be cultivated. A one-track mind can become dulled. Don't get bored.

TAURUS (Apr. 21-May 21)—Pay a visit to someone who is convalescing. You can bring pleasure and joy by your conversation.

GEMINI (May 22-June 21)—Some previously casual acquaintance may turn into a close, confidential friend.

CANCER (June 22-July 23)—There may be unusual demands upon your initiative and energy today. Show true leadership.

M-AID TO EUROPE IS NEAR END

The end of Marshall Plan aid to Europe is expected to be announced shortly, according to Marshall Aid officials in Paris. Thus, the plan will end one year ahead of schedule.

The reason for the winding up of Marshall Aid is that American economists believe that Europe has now become self-supporting and does not need further dollar aid.

The swift transformation of Europe's economy is believed to be due to the world rearmament boom, and especially America's rearmament needs.

These have resulted in large-scale United States expenditure on European raw materials which have closed the dollar gap for almost every country receiving aid.

Heading the list of countries who have emerged from their dollar crisis is Britain, which suspended its Marshall Aid allocation two months ago.

An announcement of the end of Marshall Aid is expected to be made simultaneously in Paris and by President Truman in Washington some time in March.

Preparations are already being made to wind up the huge administrative machine in Paris.

POCKET CARTOON



DUMB-BELLS



JACOBY ON BRIDGE

Don't Let Honours Steer You Wrong

NORTH 24			
♠ 64			
♥ AK76			
♦ KJ9			
♣ J1043			
WEST			
♠ A9	♥ Q853	♦ A103	♣ A975
EAST (D)			
♠ 875	♥ 104	♦ Q432	♣ 862
SOUTH			
♠ KQJ1032			
♥ J92			
♦ Q6			
♣ KQ			
Both vul.			
East	South	West	North
Pass	1♠	Pass	2♥
Pass	2♠	Pass	2N.T.
Pass	3♠	Pass	3N.T.
Pass	4♠	Pass	Pass
Opening lead—♥3			

By OSWALD JACOBY

IT is often difficult to say how far you should go in the effort to get credit for honours. It's very pleasant to collect an extra 100 or 150 points. It's very unpleasant to lose a game (or, perhaps, a slam) because the honours steered you away from the best contract.

In a very close case, where there seems to be no good reason to choose one contract rather than another, it's quite all right to let the honours influence your judgment. It's even all right to lose a game about once in ten cases and score the extra 100 points in the other nine cases. But this means that the odds must be very good that the honours contract will be safe.

Today's hand shows a case in point.

There was nothing wrong, of course, with South's opening bid and rebid of two spades. After North bid two no-trump, South had close choice between rebidding his spades and going at once to three no-trump. When North bid three no-trump in spite of the repeated spade bids, South should have let well enough alone. He had strength in all suits, and his spades would undoubtedly be very useful at no-trump.

When West opened the three of hearts South had to play low from the dummy, and let the trick ride around to his jack. This was a risky play, of course, since he had to lose three aces sooner or later and would have lost the contract at once if East had held the queen of hearts.

When East played the ten of hearts, South won with the jack and heaved a sigh of relief. He then led the king of spades. West, who could see farther than one trick ahead, played low, and East dropped the seven. South continued spades, forcing out West's ace, and East completed his signal by dropping the five.

West correctly read his partner's signal, as showing a third trump. He therefore led the queen of hearts back. Dummy won with the king of hearts, and declarer discovered to his dismay that he couldn't get to his hand quickly enough to draw the last trump.

It didn't matter whether South led a club or a diamond. West was bound to win with the ace and lead a third heart for his partner to ruff.

It is interesting to note that West could not have set the contract if he had taken the first round of spades, for then South could have led dummy's remaining trump to get to his hand. Nor could West have done well with a second low heart, for South would allow that to ride around to his nine!

INTELLIGENCE TEST

A Pretty Muddle

By T. O. HARE

"A pretty muddle at a friend," wrote a friend. "Our five new interpreters are named France, Denmark, Spain, Portugal and Holland. Each speaks the language of the other four are named. No two of them speak the same two languages, and of the five languages is spoken by the name of one of the five. In no case does one of the languages speak the language of the other four. The language of which the interpreter himself is the name—France, Denmark, Spain, Portugal, Holland—Who speaks French?"

(Solution on Page 10)

Check Your Knowledge

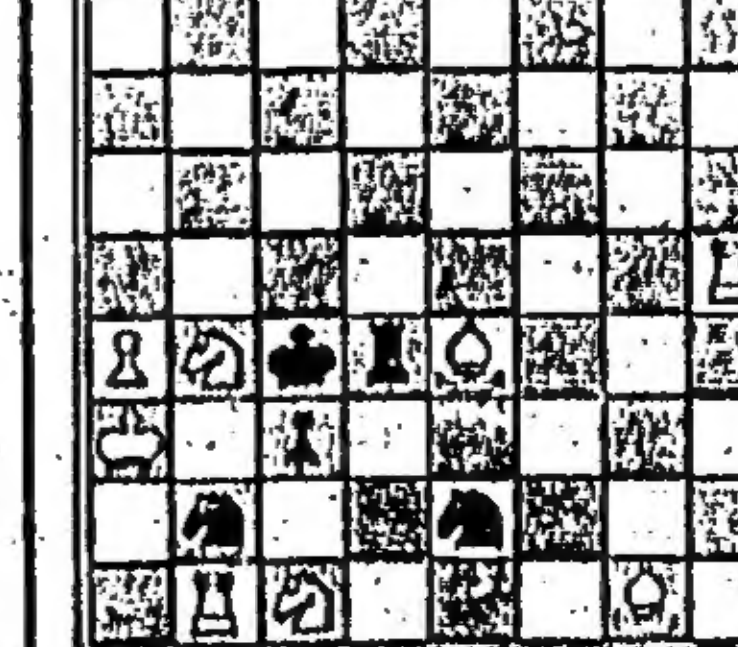
1. What is a torch singer?
2. What is meant by a vertical union?
3. How early does history record the use of life?
4. How many names has the city of Leningrad (Russia) had?
5. What city is called the "nervous centre of the Soviet Union"?
6. What happened to Alsace-Lorraine at the close of World War I?

(Answers on Page 10)

CHESS PROBLEM

By S. F. E. FLATAU

Black, 5 pieces.



White, 4 pieces.
White to play and mate in two.
Solution to yesterday's problem:
1. ♖-K4, 1. ♖-K4, 2. ♖-K4, 3. ♖-K4, 4. ♖-K4, 5. ♖-K4, 6. ♖-K4, 7. ♖-K4, 8. ♖-K4, 9. ♖-K4, 10. ♖-K4, 11. ♖-K4, 12. ♖-K4, 13. ♖-K4, 14. ♖-K4, 15. ♖-K4, 16. ♖-K4, 17. ♖-K4, 18. ♖-K4, 19. ♖-K4, 20. ♖-K4, 21. ♖-K4, 22. ♖-K4, 23. ♖-K4, 24. ♖-K4, 25. ♖-K4, 26. ♖-K4, 27. ♖-K4, 28. ♖-K4, 29. ♖-K4, 30. ♖-K4, 31. ♖-K4, 32. ♖-K4, 33. ♖-K4, 34. ♖-K4, 35. ♖-K4, 36. ♖-K4, 37. ♖-K4, 38. ♖-K4, 39. ♖-K4, 40. ♖-K4, 41. ♖-K4, 42. ♖-K4, 43. ♖-K4, 44. ♖-K4, 45. ♖-K4, 46. ♖-K4, 47. ♖-K4, 48. ♖-K4, 49. ♖-K4, 50. ♖-K4, 51. ♖-K4, 52. ♖-K4, 53. ♖-K4, 54. ♖-K4, 55. ♖-K4, 56. ♖-K4, 57. ♖-K4, 58. ♖-K4, 59. ♖-K4, 60. ♖-K4, 61. ♖-K4, 62. ♖-K4, 63. ♖-K4, 64. ♖-K4, 65. ♖-K4, 66. ♖-K4, 67. ♖-K4, 68. ♖-K4, 69. ♖-K4, 70. ♖-K4, 71. ♖-K4, 72. ♖-K4, 73. ♖-K4, 74. ♖-K4, 75. ♖-K4, 76. ♖-K4, 77. ♖-K4, 78. ♖-K4, 79. ♖-K4, 80. ♖-K4, 81. ♖-K4, 82. ♖-K4, 83. ♖-K4, 84. ♖-K4, 85. ♖-K4, 86. ♖-K4, 87. ♖-K4, 88. ♖-K4, 89. ♖-K4, 90. ♖-K4, 91. ♖-K4, 92. ♖-K4, 93. ♖-K4, 94. ♖-K4, 95. ♖-K4, 96. ♖-K4, 97. ♖-K4, 98. ♖-K4, 99. ♖-K4, 100. ♖-K4, 101. ♖-K4, 102. ♖-K4, 103. ♖-K4, 104. ♖-K4, 105. ♖-K4, 106. ♖-K4, 107. ♖-K4, 108. ♖-K4, 109. ♖-K4, 110. ♖-K4, 111. ♖-K4, 112. ♖-K4, 113. ♖-K4, 114. ♖-K4, 115. ♖-K4, 116. ♖-K4, 117. ♖-K4, 118. ♖-K4, 119. ♖-K4, 120. ♖-K4, 121. ♖-K4, 122. ♖-K4, 123. ♖-K4, 124. ♖-K4, 125. ♖-K4, 126. ♖-K4, 127. ♖-K4, 128. ♖-K4, 129. ♖-K4, 130. ♖-K4, 131. ♖-K4, 132. ♖-K4, 133. ♖-K4, 134. ♖-K4, 135. ♖-K4, 136. ♖-K4, 137. ♖-K4, 138. ♖-K4, 139. ♖-K4, 140. ♖-K4, 141. ♖-K4, 142. ♖-K4, 143. ♖-K4, 144. ♖-K4, 145. ♖-K4, 146. ♖-K4, 147. ♖-K4, 148. ♖-K4, 149. ♖-K4, 150. ♖-K4, 151. ♖-K4, 152. ♖-K4, 153. ♖-K4, 154. ♖-K4, 155. ♖-K4, 156. ♖-K4, 157. ♖-K4, 158. ♖-K4, 159. ♖-K4, 160. ♖-K4, 161. ♖-K4, 162. ♖-K4, 163. ♖-K4, 164. ♖-K4, 165. ♖-K4, 166. ♖-K4, 167. ♖-K4, 168. ♖-K4, 169. ♖-K4, 170. ♖-K4, 171. ♖-K4, 172. ♖-K4, 173. ♖-K4, 174. ♖-K4, 175. ♖-K4, 176. ♖-K4, 177. ♖-K4, 178. ♖-K4, 179. ♖-K4, 180. ♖-K4, 181. ♖-K4, 182. ♖-K4, 183. ♖-K4, 184. ♖-K4, 185. ♖-K4, 186. ♖-K4, 187. ♖-K4, 188. ♖-K4, 189. ♖-K4, 190. ♖-K4, 191. ♖-K4, 192. ♖-K4, 193. ♖-K4, 194. ♖-K4, 195. ♖-K4, 196. ♖-K4, 197. ♖-K4, 198. ♖-K4, 199. ♖-K4, 200. ♖-K4, 201. ♖-K4, 202. ♖-K4, 203. ♖-K4, 204. ♖-K4, 205. ♖-K4, 206. ♖-K4, 207. ♖-K4, 208. ♖-K4, 209. ♖-K4, 210. ♖-K4, 211. ♖-K4, 212. ♖-K4, 213. ♖-K4, 214. ♖-K4, 215. ♖-K4, 216. ♖-K4, 217. ♖-K4, 218. ♖-K4, 219. ♖-K4, 220. ♖-K4, 221. ♖-K4, 222. ♖-K4, 223. ♖-K4, 224. ♖-K4, 225. ♖-K4, 226. ♖-K4, 227. ♖-K4, 228. ♖-K4, 229. ♖-K4, 230. ♖-K4, 231. ♖-K4, 232. ♖-K4, 233. ♖-K4, 234. ♖-K4, 235. ♖-K4, 236. ♖-K4, 237. ♖-K4, 238. ♖-K4, 239. ♖-K4, 240. ♖-K4, 241. ♖-K4, 242. ♖-K4, 243. ♖-K4, 244. ♖-K4, 245. ♖-K4, 246. ♖-K4, 247. ♖-K4, 248. ♖-K4, 249. ♖-K4, 250. ♖-K4, 251. ♖-K4, 252. ♖-K4, 253. ♖-K4, 254. ♖-K4, 255. ♖-K4, 256. ♖-K4, 257. ♖-K4, 258. ♖-K4, 259. ♖-K4, 260. ♖-K4, 261. ♖-K4, 262. ♖-K4, 263. ♖-K4, 264. ♖-K4, 265. ♖-K4, 266. ♖-K4, 267. ♖-K4, 268. ♖-K4, 269. ♖-K4, 270. ♖-K4, 271. ♖-K4, 272. ♖-K4, 273. ♖-K4, 274. ♖-K4, 275. ♖-K4, 276. ♖-K4, 277. ♖-K4, 278. ♖-K4, 279. ♖-K4, 280. ♖-K4, 281. ♖-K4, 282. ♖-K4, 283. ♖-K4, 284. ♖-K4, 285. ♖-K4, 286. ♖-K4, 287. ♖-K4, 288. ♖-K4, 289. ♖-K4, 290. ♖-K4, 291. ♖-K4, 292. ♖-K4, 293. ♖-K4, 294. ♖-K4, 295. ♖-K4, 296. ♖-K4, 297. ♖-K4, 298. ♖-K4, 299. ♖-K4, 300. ♖-K4, 301. ♖-K4, 302. ♖-K4, 303. ♖-K4, 304. ♖-K4, 305. ♖-K4, 306. ♖-K4, 307. ♖-K4, 308. ♖-K4, 309. ♖-K4, 310. ♖-K4, 311. ♖-K4, 312. ♖-K4, 313. ♖-K4, 314. ♖-K4, 315. ♖-K4, 316. ♖-K4, 317. ♖-K4, 318. ♖-K4, 319. ♖-K4, 320. ♖-K4, 321. ♖-K4, 322. ♖-K4, 323. ♖-K4, 324. ♖-K4, 325. ♖-K4, 326. ♖-K4, 327. ♖-K4, 328. ♖-K4, 329. ♖-K4, 330. ♖-K4, 331. ♖-K4, 332. ♖-K4, 333. ♖-K4, 334. ♖-K4, 335. ♖-K4, 336. ♖-K4, 337. ♖-K4, 338. ♖-K4, 339. ♖-K4, 340. ♖-K4, 341. ♖-K4, 342. ♖-K4, 343. ♖-K4, 344. ♖-K4, 345. ♖-K4, 346. ♖-K4, 347. ♖-K4, 348. ♖-K4, 349. ♖-K4, 350. ♖-K4, 351. ♖-K4, 352. ♖-K4, 353. ♖-K4, 354. ♖-K4, 355. ♖-K4, 356. ♖-K4, 357. ♖-K4, 358. ♖-K4, 359. ♖-K4, 360. ♖-K4, 361. ♖-K4, 362. ♖-K4, 363. ♖-K4, 364. ♖-K4, 365. ♖-K4, 366. ♖-K4, 367. ♖-K4, 368. ♖-K4, 369. ♖-K4, 370. ♖-K4, 371. ♖-K4, 372. ♖-K4, 373. ♖-K4, 374. ♖-K4, 375. ♖-K4, 376. ♖-K4, 377. ♖-K4, 378. ♖-K4, 379. ♖-K4, 380. ♖-K4, 381. ♖-K4, 382. ♖-K4, 383. ♖-K4, 384. ♖-K4, 385. ♖-K4, 386. ♖-K4, 387. ♖-K4, 388. ♖-K4, 389. ♖-K4, 390. ♖-K4, 391. ♖-K4, 392. ♖-K4, 393. ♖-K4, 394. ♖-K4, 395. ♖-K4, 396. ♖-K4, 397. ♖-K4, 398. ♖-K4, 399. ♖-K4, 400. ♖-K4, 401. ♖-K4, 402. ♖-K4, 403. ♖-K4, 404. ♖-K4, 405. ♖-K4, 406. ♖-K4, 407. ♖-K

Mail Notices

A surface mail to United Kingdom per the Glenagary will be closed on January 29. This mail is expected to arrive in London on or about March 11. Unless otherwise stated, registered articles (by air or sea) and parcel post close one hour earlier than the ordinary mail; where mails close on Sundays or before 18.00 a.m. on any other day, registered and parcel post close at 5 p.m. on the previous day. Mails are closed at Kowloon Central Post Office one hour earlier than the G.P.O. closing times.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 26
Closing Times By Air

B.N. Borneo, Australia and New Zealand, 5 p.m.
Philippines, Hawaii & U.S.A. (letters second class mail and parcels) Guam (letters and second class mail) Canada (letters only), 5 p.m.
Malaya, Indonesia, Ceylon, India, Persia, Gulf Ports, Egypt, East & South Africa, Mauritius, Great Britain, Italy, N.W. Europe & France, 5 p.m.
Formosa, 5 p.m.

Closing Times By Sea

Siam, 3 p.m.
Philippines & Japan, 3 p.m.
Indonesia, 3 p.m.
Formosa, 3 p.m.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 27
Closing Times By Air

Formosa, 3 p.m.
Siam, 5 p.m.

Closing Times By Sea

Formosa, 9 a.m.
B.N. Borneo, 9 a.m.
Australia & New Zealand, 3 p.m.
Philippines & France, 3 p.m.
U.S.A., Canada, Central and South America, 5 p.m.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 28
Closing Times By Air

Philippines & B.N. Borneo, 3 p.m.
Siam, Burma, India, Pakistan, Iraq, Iran, Egypt, East & South Africa, Mauritius, Great Britain, Italy, N.W. Europe and France, 5 p.m.
Japan & Korea, 5 p.m.
Indo-China, 5 p.m.
Formosa, 5 p.m.

Radio Hongkong

H.K.T. Programme Summary: 6.02, Children's Story—"The House at Foot Corner" By A. A. Milne. "Gladys Don't Climb Trees" (B.C.T.S.). 6.30, "Cantonese by Radio" Given by Miss Lee Wai Lan & S. K. Lee (Studio). 6.50, Opera: Solo By Marcel Dupre; 7. World News and News Analysis (London Relay); 7.15, A Concert featuring Australian Artists and Composers; 7.45, Mantovani and His Orchestra; 8. "From the Editor's" (London Relay Recorded); 8.10, "Music Moves Hour"—Classical Requests Presented by Curtis Hindson (Studio); 9.10, Emmerich Kalman Suite; 9.30, "The Adventures of P.C. 49" By Alan Stranks. (B.C.T.S.). 10, Radio News Reel (London Relay); 10.15, "This is Australia"—An Up-to-Date Picture of Australia Today (London Relay Recorded); 11.15, "Goodnight Music"; 11.31, Weather Report; God Save the King; 11.32, Close Down.

Brig. Coad Greeted At Kai Tak



When Brigadier B. C. Coad, Commander of the 27th British Brigade in Korea, arrived at Kai Tak yesterday his wife was on hand to meet him. This picture shows Brigadier and Mrs. Coad greeting each other at the airport.—Staff Photographer.

New Regulations For The Possession Of Penicillin

Regulations making it an offence for persons other than legitimate users to be in possession of penicillin and other substances to which the Penicillin Ordinance, 1948, applies, due to the difficulty experienced in recent weeks by legitimate users in obtaining adequate supplies of these substances, are contained in the Emergency (Penicillin Ordinance, 1948) (Amendment) Regulations, 1951, published in the Gazette this morning.

This action has been taken to combat the operations of unscrupulous persons speculating in these commodities.

The regulations include the issue of permits to deal in substances to which the Ordinance applies, maintenance of records by registered pharmacists, authorised seller and holders of

\$12,880,225 SURPLUS IN OCTOBER

80% Of Year's Revenue Collected In First 7 Months

Latest Official Returns

Latest revenue and expenditure figures published in today's Gazette indicate that by the end of October about 80 percent of the total estimated revenue for the financial year ending this March had been received by the Treasury, and that the General Revenue Balance on October 31, standing at \$208,196,002, was a little more than \$4 million dollars in excess of the estimated revenue for 1950-51.

The month of October produced a surplus of \$12,880,225, compared with a deficit in September of approximately one and a half million dollars. Total revenue for October was \$26,151,428 and expenditure \$13,271,202.

Man Robs Teachers, Children

SENT TO PRISON FOR 2 YEARS

Three teachers from St Stephen's Girls' College, 11 students of the Diocesan Boys' School and Father Gerrant at Maryknoll Convent School were complainants against Lam Shu-chuen, 23, who was charged on four counts of housebreaking, larceny in a dwelling, and unlawful possession before Mr Winter at Kowloon this morning.

Defendant who claimed to be a student was given two years on the four charges.

Det. Sub-Ins. A. B. Hartman, prosecuting, said that on January 3, defendant went into Father Gerrant's room at Maryknoll Convent School and stole a fountain pen and a travelling clock. At about 9.45 p.m. on January 5, he went into the Diocesan Boys' School dormitory, at Kadoorie Road and stole money, fountain pens and various articles to the total value of \$313. On January 10, he went into the Teachers' quarters after nightfall and stole fountain pens, wrist watches and a cigarette case to the value of \$160. The properties of Miss A. Deans, Miss M. Bennett, and Miss P. Wong.

Ins. Hartman said that defendant simply walked into the schools with the exception of St Stephen Girls' College where he broke into the premises.

On January 22, defendant was arrested by Detective who was on pawn-shop checking duty and found in his possession one lady's watch and one green lady's jacket which he admitted to have stolen and whose ownership could not be located.

ASKS FOR LENIENCY

Defendant who claimed he was a student from Macao pleaded leniency saying that he needed money to pay his tuition fees in Macao.

He was given three months, six months, 12 months and three months on the four charges to run consecutively. "He seems to have done very well," said Mr Winter when he was informed that defendant had only been in Hongkong for one month.

All the articles pawned by defendant were recovered with the exception of two fountain pens, while \$387.80 in cash was found in his pocket at the time of his arrest.

Mr Winter ordered the articles pawned be redeemed with the money found in defendant's pocket, each of the eight pawnbrokers to receive 25 percent of the original pawn price.

The student complainants of the DBS were Herbert Wong, Tan Hu, Yin I-ching, Beirre Yap, Robert Lang, Henry Chang, Stephen Chung, Leung Wai-ming, Timothy Chan, I. George and Charles Sim.

Check Your Knowledge ANSWERS

1. One who sings songs of unrequited love. 2. A union composed of members of various occupations or crafts. 3. 4700 B.C. in Egypt. 4. Three: Saint Petersburg, Petrograd and Leningrad. 5. Moscow. 6. Germany lost it to France.

Total revenue figures for the first seven months of the fiscal year disclose some interesting comparisons.

By the end of October, for example, revenue from duties amounted to \$39,805,772 which is nearly \$800,000 more than the estimated total for the entire year from this source.

Licences, Fines and Forfeitures had also yielded at the end of the first seven months \$10,000 more than the estimated total for the year.

Two other headings also showed revenue as passing by the end of the seventh month the total estimated for the year. Miscellaneous Receipts, expected to bring to the Treasury by next March a total of \$7,780,000 had by the end of October amounted to \$9,920,084, while Land Sales, estimated to produce \$2,750,000 for the year had reached the total of \$3,819,282 by October 31.

Internal Revenue during October amounted to \$7,730,987, while Duties yielded \$5,031,559. Rates made a contribution of \$4,098,980, and Fees of Court or Office \$2,578,313.

The Post Office collected \$1,293,371 during October to bring its accumulated revenue for the first seven months to within a little more than a million and a half dollars of the estimated total for the year.

KCR REVENUE

Miscellaneous Receipts in October amounted to \$1,033,830. Water Revenue was \$1,021,466 and the Kowloon-Canton Railway to \$907,384. The KCR revenue for the first seven months was only \$700,000 short of the estimated total for the year.

Figures for the first seven months of the year show that just a little over 50 per cent of the estimated expenditure for the entire year have been disbursed, the total on October 31 being \$100,879,358 compared with an estimated total for 12 months of \$200,839,083.

During October the principal items of expenditure were: Miscellaneous Services \$3,124,504; Public Works \$1,021,466; Police Force \$1,227,210; Subventions \$1,197,898; Public Works Recurrent \$970,523; Medical Department \$742,427; Sanitary Dept and Urban Council \$404,218; Marine Department \$372,400; Education Department \$308,065.

The statement of assets and liabilities as of October 31, 1950 shows that Government has a total of \$106,653,232 cash in hand, including \$53,048,672 at Bank and \$53,072,000 in the Joint Colonial Fund. Other assets include Fixed Deposit \$70,000,000, together with \$23,523,788 in Suspense Accounts and \$81,309,014 in Advances.

Soldier Steals Licences

Gnr Howard John Simpson, 23, of the Royal Artillery, stationed on Stonecutters' Island, was bound over in the sum of \$50 to be of good behaviour for 12 months by Mr J. A. Macdonell at Kowloon this morning for stealing licences from a private car belonging to Mr G. F. Leslie.

Prosecuting, Ins. March said that about midnight on Sunday last defendant was stopped by PC2559 of the Kowloon Traffic Department and found to have a driving licence and a vehicle licence belonging to Mr Leslie in his possession.

On the following day the owner reported the loss of his licences to the Police. Ins. March added that Gnr Simpson appeared to be under the influence of drink when he was stopped and searched by the police constable.

Social Service Council Seeks Incorporation

Particulars of a Bill to provide for the incorporation of the Hongkong Council of Social Service were published in the Gazette this morning.

Not being a corporate body, the Hongkong Council of Social Service cannot hold any property in its own name, and it is, therefore, thought desirable that it should become a corporate body, in order to enable it to carry out its aims and objects more effectively.

Objects and reasons attached to the Bill, which it is proposed to introduce into the Legislative Council in due course, states that the Council has been in existence under its present name since December 1948. Its aims and objects are to co-ordinate as far as possible voluntary welfare activities in the Colony amongst themselves and with other organisations in order to prevent overlapping in work and in distributions of funds; to initiate such forms of relief and schemes of social welfare as are not covered by existing organisations; to collect and collate the opinion of persons or organisations on the subject of social conditions in the Colony, and to take all necessary steps to educate the public in the interest of social welfare; and to make such recommendations to the Government and to advocate and promote such laws or amendments to laws as may be deemed necessary for the furtherance of the said aims and objects.

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HAD NO VALID LICENCE

Harold Wayne Cunningham, 24, a member of the staff of the American Consulate-General, and residing at 24 Macdonnell Road, third floor, was fined \$25 this morning for driving private car HK3485 in Hennessy Road last night without a valid licence.

Defendant told the Court he had been driving for 10 years and held an American driving licence.

Soldiers Ask To Serve Their Sentences In Korea

In an appeal against their conviction for robbery with aggravation in the New Territories, two Sappers, Glyn Edwards, 20, and Dennis Ivor Colly, 20, told the Full Court this morning that they wished to be sent to Korea instead of serving their sentences in Hongkong.

The two soldiers were sentenced to four years each by Mr Justice Scholtes on October 27 last for robbing a taxi-driver in Castle Peak Road in September.

They told the Court, comprising Mr Justice Williams and Mr Justice Gould that they did not have a fair trial, the defence was not entirely put to the jury and that the sentences were too heavy.

Colly stated that the complainant might have been mistaken when he pointed them out after the robbery. He added that there was no identification parade held.

Mr Justice Williams told the applicants that the "trial judge" had, in his summation, put the case for the prosecution and the case for the defence at arm's length, and then, in summary, the trial judge had also mentioned there was no identification parade, but had explained there was no purpose in one, so the complainant had already identified the two soldiers.

As for their going to Korea, Mr Williams said it was not a matter for the Court to decide. He held that the sentences were not too heavy in view of the seriousness of the crime. The Court dismissed the appeal.

On the application of Crown Counsel the Court allowed the sentences to date from the October Sessions instead of from the date of appeal.

Mr Heenan explained that the two soldiers had lodged from appeal without any advice from the military authorities. They did so under the misapprehension that the Court could send them to Korea instead of serving their sentences here.

Important Changes In Police Reserve Ordinance Pay, Allowances, Pensions

Amendments to the Hongkong Police Reserve Ordinance, 1927, dealing with pay and allowances during active service, and pensions in the event of injury or death during active service, are contained in Regulations published in the Gazette this morning.

The amendments in detail are as follows:

1. Regulation 9 is hereby repealed and the following regulation substituted therefor:

"9. (1) A member of the Reserve shall be entitled to pay and allowances for the period during which such member is called out for active service and such period only.

(2) Such pay shall be not less than the minimum of the scale which applies to a police officer of equivalent rank in the police force constituted under the Police Force Ordinance, 1948, and such allowances shall be those payable to such a police officer in receipt of such duty.

2. The following regulations 10 and 11 are hereby added—

"10. (1) If a member of the Reserve while called out for active service is permanently injured—

(a) in the actual discharge of his duty; and

(b) without his own default; and

(c) on account of circumstances specifically attributable to the nature of his duty,

he may be granted a pension at the annual rate of the proportion of his actual pay at the date of his injury appropriate to the case as shown in the following table:

When in the opinion of the Governor is Council his capacity to contribute to his own support is

slightly impaired—five sixteenths; impaired—ten sixteenths; materially impaired—fifteen sixteenths; totally destroyed—twenty sixteenths.

"11. (1) The purpose of this regulation shall not include any allowances.

IN EVENT OF DEATH

11. (1) If a member of the Reserve dies as a result of injuries received (a) in the actual discharge of his duty; and

(b) without his own default; and

(c) on account of circumstances specifically attributable to the nature of his duty, while called out for active service, it shall be lawful for the Governor in Council to grant:

(i) to the dependants of such member a gratuity not exceeding nine months' pay; Provided that the dependants who shall be entitled to any such gratuity shall be such as may be named in the award in each particular case and the gratuity shall not form part of the estate for the purpose of distribution nor shall it be taken into account in computing estate duty;

(ii) if the deceased member leaves a widow, a pension to her, while unmarried and of good character, at a rate not exceeding ten sixteenths of his annual pay, at the date of his death, or four hundred and eighty dollars a year, whichever is the greater or in exceptional cases at a rate not exceeding one fourth of such pay;

(iii) if the deceased member leaves a widow to whom a pension is granted under the preceding sub-paragraph and a child or children, a pension in respect of each child of an amount not exceeding one eighth of the pension prescribed under the preceding sub-paragraph; and

(iv) if the deceased member leaves a child or children, but does not leave a widow or no pension is granted to the widow, a pension in respect of each child of double the amount prescribed by the preceding sub-paragraph;

(v) if the deceased member leaves a child or children and a widow to whom a pension is granted under sub-paragraph (ii) of this regulation, a pension in respect of each child as from the date of the death of the widow or double the amount prescribed in sub-paragraph (iii) of this regulation;

(vi) if the deceased member does not leave a widow, or if no pension is granted to his widow, and if his mother was wholly or mainly dependent on him for support, a pension to the mother, while of good character

and without adequate means of support, of an amount not exceeding the pension which might have been granted to his widow.

NO MORE THAN SIX

Provided that—

(A) pension shall not be payable under this regulation at any time in respect of more than six children;

(B) in the case of pension granted under sub-paragraph (vi) of this regulation, if the mother is a widow at the time of the grant of the pension and subsequently remarries such pension shall cease as from the date of remarriage; and if it appears to the Governor in Council at any time that the mother is adequately provided with other means of support, such pension shall cease as from such date as the Governor in Council may determine; and

(C) a pension granted to a child under this regulation shall cease in the case of a male at the age of 18 years and in the case of a female child on marriage at the age of 21 years.

"12. (1) For the purposes of this regulation—

(a) "parent" shall not include any allowances;

(b) where a member contracts a marriage and by reason of the form thereof he is precluded from being married to another person at the same time, "wife" shall mean the woman to whom such member is lawfully married;

WIFE DEFINED

(c) where a member contracts a marriage and by reason of the form thereof he is or becomes lawfully married to more than one woman at the same time, "wife" shall mean the woman to whom such member is first married; Provided that in the event of any widow eligible for a pension under this regulation ceasing to be so eligible and at the time of such cessation the member was lawfully married to another wife or other wives the member shall be deemed for the purposes of this regulation to have become a widow at the time of such cessation aforesaid and simultaneously to have married the woman who at such time aforesaid was his wife and whom he married first after his marriage to the wife who has ceased to be eligible as the date of injury in a manner recognised by the Government.

(d) "widow" shall mean the woman who is the wife of a member at the time of his death.

(e) "child" shall mean—

(i) the child of a member borne by a woman who is the wife or widow of such member at the time of the death of such member;

(ii) a person wholly or mainly dependent upon the deceased member for support, adopted as a child by such member before the date of injury in a manner recognised by the Government.

Peking Note

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to tell on the Chinese troops and supply lines.

Some neutral observers believe that this interpretation may have been responsible to some extent for the hardening of the American Chinese policy and the recent Military Command's statements that American troops would stay in Korea.

These observers also think that the American policy may be to wait in Korea until the United Nations troops are pushed out—at minimum cost to themselves and at maximum cost to the Chinese Communists and North Koreans—in short a policy of "voluntary withdrawal."

This policy, according to these observers, would enable the Americans to keep the Korean issue alive if dormant—and thereby eliminate the need to discuss other Far Eastern issues, like Formosa, with the Chinese indefinitely.

MOTIVES SPECULATION

This policy is considered to be further indicated by the American insistence on branding China as an aggressor, as such an accusation would also oblige definitely the question of admitting China into the United Nations.

In any case, these observers pointed out, this interpretation of American policy should be present in the minds of the Chinese, who are now seen to be more eager than before to start negotiations.

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